

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Original): Herbal extract having inhibitory activities against the degranulation and histamine release of mast cells, which is obtained by extracting *Houttuynia cordata* and *Rubus coreanus* with water or organic solvent.

Claim 2 (Original): The herbal extract of Claim 1, wherein the *Houttuynia cordata* and the *Rubus coreanus* are mixed at a weight ratio of 1:4 to 4:1.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The herbal extract of Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, which further comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of *Cornus officinalis* Sieb. et Zucc, *Crataegi fructus* and *Mori folium*.

Claim 4 (Original): The herbal extract of Claim 1 for use as medicament.

Claim 5 (Original): A use of the herbal extract of Claim 1 for the preparation of therapeutic agents against allergic diseases.

Claim 6 (Original): A use of the herbal extract of Claim 1 for the preparation of inhibitory agents against the degranulation and histamine release of mast cells.

Claim 7 (Original): A pharmaceutical composition for the prevention or treatment of allergic diseases comprising the herbal extract of Claim 1 as an active ingredient.

Claim 8 (Original): A food composition for the prevention or improvement of

allergic diseases comprising the herbal extract of Claim 1 as an active ingredient.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The composition of Claim 7 ~~or~~ 8, which further comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of *Cornus officinalis* Sieb. *et Zucc* extract, *Crataegi fructus* extract and *Mori folium* extract.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The composition of Claim 7 ~~or~~ 8, wherein the allergic diseases are selected from the group consisting of allergic asthma, allergic rhinitis, allergic otitis, anaphylactic shock and allergic skin disorders.

Claim 11 (Original): The composition of Claim 10, wherein the allergic skin disorders are selected from the group consisting of atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, contact allergic dermatitis and urticaria.

Claim 12 (Original): A method for preventing or treating allergic diseases, which comprises the step of administering an effective amount of the herbal extract of Claim 1 to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 13 (Original): A method for inhibiting the degranulation and histamine release of mast cells, which comprises the step of administering an effective amount of the herbal extract of claim 1 to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 14 (New): The herbal extract of Claim 2, which further comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of *Cornus officinalis* Sieb. *et Zucc*, *Crataegi fructus* and *Mori folium*.

Claim 15 (New): The composition of Claim 8, which further comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of *Cornus officinalis* Sieb. et Zucc extract, *Crataegi fructus* extract and *Mori folium* extract.

Claim 16 (New): The composition of Claim 8, wherein the allergic diseases are selected from the group consisting of allergic asthma, allergic rhinitis, allergic otitis, anaphylactic shock and allergic skin disorders.